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New Application Number: **09/494282**

Applicant : Sergey A. Selifonov et al.

Title : Methods for Making Character Strings, Polynucleotides and  
Polypeptides Having Desired Characteristics

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